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Purpose

To establish policy concerning the use of County radio dispatch networks as a way of assisting stranded motorists.

Background

In an effort to promote the health and safety of persons traveling on roads and highways within the county and in the event of vehicle breakdown, the Board directs the following action.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. All County employees driving vehicles having radio communication units, will report to their respective radio dispatcher any stranded motorist appearing in need of assistance.

The call to the radio dispatcher will include the following information:

Time

Date

Location of the stranded vehicle and motorist

Description of the vehicle - e.g., make, model, color

Information concerning whether a traffic hazard might exist

2. The radio dispatcher will then notify the proper law enforcement agency.

When an employee is calling in the information to the radio dispatcher, he/she should always be aware of the following:

a. The vehicle should be occupied.

b. The report should indicate the number and type of occupants, especially when lone females or females with young children are involved.

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c. There should be no evidence of previous assistance, such as a yellow California Highway Patrol(CHP) "courtesy" tag on-the vehicle.

d. The above notwithstanding, a report should be made whenever:

1. A distress sign or other obvious means of attracting attention is present.
2. There is evidence of suspicious or criminal activity.
3. The employee is in doubt as to the true circumstances.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-96.

Board Action

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3-27-90 (47)